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## THE ILLINOIS GUBERNATORIAL RACE: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



Roland Burris



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In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks on Washington, D.C. and the World Trade Center Towers in New York, many of us knew life in these United States would never be the same. But after the initial shock and horror of the assault: life would go on, especially in Illinois. The gubernatorial race was in full gear before that fateful day, and suddenly, the race and its candidates went on a hiatus.

On Sunday, September 23rd, former Illinois state controller Roland Burris reminded the state this election is a reality and promptly announced his third bid for the Governor's seat. Prior to the ill-conceived hiatus, candidates were announcing and dropping out of this crowded race unlike any time in recent memory. With Republican Gov. George Ryan announcing that he would not seek a second term, Democrats and

Republicans, alike, came to the conclusion it was anyone's race. Well, is it?

After a WVON 1450 AM meeting of the minds, it was concluded that the clear frontrunners are former Chicago Public Schools' CEO Paul Vallas, Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, U.S. Congressman Rod Blagojevich, Lt. Governor Corrine Woods, and Burris. Frankly, candidates

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## CHARLES SCHWAB SPONSORS WEEKLY FINANCIAL FORUM

WVON has launched "The Cliff Kelley Financial Forum," a weekly segment featuring Earl King, vice president and branch manager of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.'s Lincoln Park/Lakeview office.

Airing every Wednesday at 8 a.m., King and Kelley discuss the trends of investing and the state of the economy, with particular interest in the spending power of the African-American community. The basis for the forum stemmed from a study con-



Cliff Kelley



Earl King

ducted by Ariel Mutual Funds and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. titled,

**"Black Investors Survey: Saving and Investing Among Higher-Income African Americans and White Americans."**

Melody Spann-Cooper, president and general manager of WVON, is delighted with this forum because "the overall goal is to provide African Americans with a more sophisticated approach to money management. Wealth-building in the Black community is continuous, and "The Cliff Kelley Financial Forum" is a key

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# MAKING SENSE OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

by Congressman Danny K. Davis

There are few people anywhere in the world who have not been profoundly impacted by the terrorists' murder of more than 6,000 on September 11, 2001 in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. But, we still don't know the names of all those who died. I wish I knew the names of all those who died on that terrible day. I hate thinking about people as ciphers, as reduced to numbers. We still have so much to do to provide for the families of the victims: those in the World Trade Center; those in the Pentagon; those on the hijacked planes; those who were lost in the rescue efforts. We must never forget them, or their children who remain with us. I believe we were all changed in our hearts, changed enough to realize the special responsibilities we all have for those children. Maybe we learned something we can extrapolate to our responsibilities for every child. I hope so.

As Americans, we have been sheltered from many of the evils of the world. We have not had a foreign-armed assault on the continental United States since the War of 1812. Terrorism in the U.S. is something we have only recently had to confront. One reason is that in America, democracy is a vital, developing process. Terrorism, on the other hand, is always an expression of political weakness.

Governments who engage in terror against their own people are weak governments who rule without the consent of their own people. State terrorism against other nations is an attempt to demoralize a people and destabilize a government they cannot otherwise destroy. Terror is sometimes the expression of a people who live in a nation occupied or dominated by another and who have no meaningful opportunity for political redress of their grievances.

Terror is sometimes the expression of those who hold extreme views, who cannot convince others of those views, and, in their delusion, their isolation, believe that terror will somehow mobilize others to join them. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, terrorism isolates the terrorists and turns others against them.

Terrorism rises wherever democracy is denied and where poverty, inequality and powerlessness is abundant. Terrorism, like weeds, cannot be plucked individually from a field. Pluck one weed and others

will spring up. Bomb the field, and the weeds will be back in a few years, while the wholesome plants will take generations to recover. Pave the field over with concrete, and the weeds will spring up in the cracks. But a field full of wholesome, thriving plants will crowd the weeds out and deny them the opportunity to take over the field. Individuals can, and must, be held responsible for their actions. But, left unchanged, the conditions, which we shape such individuals, will continue their poisonous effects. Therefore, as we bring to justice those who engage in terrorist acts against us, we must, at the same time eliminate the



Cong. Danny K. Davis

conditions, which permit terrorists to exist.

President Bush is right: we must hold those who committed these barbarous acts against innocent people accountable for each and every life and injury. And, President Bush is right about another thing: we must build an international coalition against terrorism, a movement to rid the world of terrorism. But, we must build it not just of governments and armies, but also of people. A free and prosperous world will not tolerate terrorism, will not harbor terrorism. Terrorists, or would-be terrorists, will be isolated and ostracized.

In a way, American foreign policy contributed to the ability of Osama bin Laden to develop his organization. The war in Afghanistan, like the war in Angola and other places was a proxy war fought by clients of the Cold War enemies: the U.S. and Russia. The war in Afghanistan was the largest covert operation in history—costing billions of dollars. Pakistan and other nations served as agents of the United States in supplying weapons and enlisting and training combatants in war and terrorism—Osama bin Laden among them. In a bizarre twist of history, we may have contributed to the creation of the totalitarian regime in Afghanistan and the ideology of terror now turned on us. Want to bomb Kabul into a parking lot? Well, we're too late; the Russians have already done that. Want to destroy their entire infrastructure, their water works, their power plants, their public health system, and their schools? Can't do that either, the war in Afghanistan has already done that...and replaced it with fields which produce most of the world's heroin. The war against terrorism cannot be won by massive military action against Afghanistan.

Certainly, terrorism will not be defeated by undermining our own democracy, by giving up our own rights and liberties. In truth, our rights and our liberties are not "ours" to give. They belong not just to us, but also to future generations; and they were paid for, in life and struggle, by previous generations. Have we forgotten so quickly how the so-called war on drugs and war on crime has been used to justify racial profiling...and the consequences of that racial profiling?

Terrorism will not be defeated if we do not attend to our own economy, which was, in a deep recession before the terrorist attack on September 11th with hundreds and thousands of unemployed. Our economic prosperity can be the engine that moves the world...or our lack of economic prosperity can open a gulf between America's haves and have-nots, which undermines the very essence of our nationhood.

One thing I am sure of, as I ponder the events of September 11th, is that America will emerge from this crisis, and we shall be stronger, our freedoms will be more inviolable, our people more secure. And, in the process, we shall uplift all of humankind.

## EDITORIAL

# THIS IS OUR COUNTRY

by Melody Spann-Cooper

*It has been more than a month since one of the most tragic acts of terrorism known to man took place on American soil. It's still hard to believe, to accept. As I listen to the many calls and comments over this station, read some of the 4,000 e-mails that were sent to Cliff Kelley, and dealt with the death of a family member (through marriage) who fell victim in the World Trade Center tragedy, I have come to one conclusion: no matter how unpatriotic some of you may feel, no matter how unfair you believe this country has been to African Americans, no matter what your feelings are toward the current political administration...this IS our country.*



Melody Spann-Cooper

*For all of its good, its bad, its in between, how can you not feel affected, connected or apart of what happened on September 11th? Thousands of lives were lost, some Black, some White, some Hispanic, some Asian, men, women AND children. That seems less important than the fact that someone's child didn't*

*get picked up from school that evening. Someone's spouse never made it home from work. So many lives and dreams shattered over the course of two hours in this land of the free and home of the brave.*

*Somehow, who's in the White House, whose chickens came home to roost, and who was the most racist today, seems less important. From the spot where the World Trade Center once stood, to the coast of California, THIS IS OUR LAND. So it is o.k. to feel patriotic, and it is o.k. to grieve over what happened in this country. As I sat typing this editorial, Monique Caradine encouraged me to say something profound. To draw off the words of some of our famous ancestors. But for some reason, I was drawn back to the days when I first learned to type. There was one sentence that was used as our typing tool. It had no significance to me until Tuesday, September 11, 2001. It's short and simple: NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR COUNTRY.*

## ONE-ON-ONE WITH BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER'S FOUNDER: JACKIE TAYLOR

by Perri R. Small



Jackie Taylor

Chicago, according to **Jackie Taylor**, founder of The Black Ensemble Theater, is one of the cities where the Black arts are supported and thriving with members of the Black arts community working together and not against one another.

A display of this artistic unity was during this year's Black Arts Week, which is sponsored by the African-American Arts Alliance of Chicago.

With the theme of "Now and Forever," this nine-day celebration of Black arts and artists was illuminated with dance, literature, theater performances, receptions, and panel discussions.

In addition to her duties as founder and executive director of The Black Ensemble Theater, **Taylor** also serves as president for the Alliance, and couldn't be happier with the widespread support the arts community has received from the community-at-large.

One of the reasons that **Taylor** founded The Black Ensemble Theater in 1973 wasn't because she had problems finding work, it was because the roles were degrading. "The plays and films during that time were derogatory when portraying Black females,

and I would have to perpetuate a lie," said **Taylor**.

A successful Hollywood film actress in the '70s, **Taylor** reflected, "Theater is what I knew, and I felt I had an obligation to teach who we are as Black women and people." She has conquered the stages of some of Chicago's well-known theaters, including the Goodman and Victory Gardens. She contends that racism is embedded in the arts and is very present to this day. "We are a resilient people and the Alliance is a viable form of networking and programming to perpetuate a positive image of Chicago Black arts community."

The 150-seat Black Ensemble Theater is situated at 4520 N. Beacon, and has been the beacon for box-office successes such as, "The Other Cinderella" and the highly-acclaimed, "Jackie Wilson Story." Though critics have trashed the new gospel-styled plays like, "Beauty Shop," **Taylor** says it may not be the conventional theater, but this genre brings African Americans to the theater. "I think that there is a place for all theater. Their purpose is worth something too, and it employs Black artists. The more theater African Americans are exposed to, the better they can come to their own conclusions of what is artistically sound for them."

**Taylor** believes that as long as there are young people working in theater, it's a good thing. She advises that anyone wanting to work in theater will have to be self-motivated, "and as long as they come in, some with great talent, some with no talent, we're on the right path."

For more information about The Black Ensemble Theater or the African-American Arts Alliance of Chicago, write: 4520 N. Beacon Ave., Chicago, IL 60640 or call: (773) 769-4533.



Kinara

## "A KWANZAA STORY"

10TH ANNUAL

### PRE-KWANZAA CELEBRATION AT SOUTH SHORE CULTURAL CENTER

My friends, let me share this holiday story with you. There was once a young boy named Taifa. During his childhood in California, and under the vision of Dr. Maulana Karenga, his family and friends celebrated the **NGUZO SABA** (the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa).

As he got older, the polished and ambitious Taifa wanted to incorporate his childhood Kwanzaa celebrations into his adult lifestyle, leaving no stones unturned. So, in his infinite wisdom and by the power of his **KUUMBA** (creativity), **KUJICHAGULIA** (self-determination), and the **UJIMA** (collective work and responsibility) with the Council of Elders, "It's Kwanzaa Time, Inc." was born.

For the past eight years, the presence of **IMANI** (faith) has helped Taifa accomplish his goals and to understand his **NIA** (purpose) for producing the Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration. In the last two years, the Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, in its 10th year, has been produced by WVON. The event is a market-

place for the exchange of goods, talents and ideas, with the conscious consumer in mind.

As with any story, there is a moral. The moral to this story is that in the spirit of **UMOJA** (unity) and **UJAMAA** (cooperative economics), come celebrate with the WVON Family at this year's Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive from Friday, December 14th to Sunday, December 16th. Gift making, dance and hair sculpting workshops, performances by local talent, a Food Court, and an array of vendors, are just some of the highlights. An awards ceremony honoring the service of community-based organizations and individuals, featuring Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of Kwanzaa, will also be a part of the festivities.

If you would like to be a vendor or want ticket information, call Doris Brooks, 773.247.6200x223. **NGUZO SABA 365.**

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have announced, dropped out and pondered running so much, it would be difficult to give readers an accurate account of all the candidates.

Believe it or not, in the Democratic primary, some say Burris has a real shot at the Governor's seat. He only lost by 60,000 votes to Alan Dixon in 1998. Talk about a real heartbreaker. If African Americans would have voted, he would have won the primary, said some of the city's and state's most respected political strategists and organizers.

Political commentator and conservative Republican, Tom Roeser; Dick Simpson, former independent alderman and political science instructor at University of Illinois at Chicago; longtime, grassroots political strategist, Richard Barnett; and Robert Starks, professor of Political Science at Northeastern Illinois University's Center for Inner City Studies, agreed on only one point: Ryan will likely win the Republican primary, but the jury is out on the Democratic side.

**TOM ROESER**

Roeser, the most politically conservative of our subjects, recognizes that money is the key to this campaign, and in spite of what happened on September 11th, people do care about local campaigns. One example is the new interest in mayoral politics in New York. Mayor Rudolph Guliani, who is prohibited by law to run for office again, is seriously considering a run (at this writing) if election laws are changed. The New York state legislature, New Yorkers and outsiders are contributing to Guliani's high approval rating with the leadership and compassion he exhibited in the terrorist attack and on the World Trade Center aftermath.

But locally, Roeser is convinced that Ryan cannot be beaten and

Blagojevich has the best chance of winning the Democratic primary. Vallas, said Roeser, has several things going for him, but it is not enough to take him over the top. "Vallas has a good reputation as the schools' CEO and he is no political hack." Roeser continued, "Wood is just not going to do it." As a conservative, Roeser echoes his cohorts throughout the state on those issues they find key to winning the Republican primary. "Wood is pro-life and too shrill," stated Roeser. He said that she is not going to play well with those down state.

Is health an issue? Wood and Ryan, both cancer survivors, have a good chance of winning based on sympathy. "The only way either one of them will lose voter confidence is if they become ill during the campaign."

Burris, according to Roeser is finished as a candidate for any statewide office. "Burris runs, that's what he does," he continued. However, Starks sums up and analyzes Burris' campaign in much more positive terms.

**BOB STARKS**

A longtime supporter of Roland Burris, Starks is convinced that there is a media blackout when it comes to telling the true story on who is leading the gubernatorial race overall. Burris has been questioned constantly about why he delayed announcing his candidacy.

But according to Starks, Burris, who has the best name recognition statewide, is polling ahead of his opponents by a three to five percent margin.

"For some reason, the media is not reporting this," said Starks. "What we do hear is that Roland is running neck and neck with the frontrunners or close behind," Starks continued.

Burris' 1998 bid could almost characterize the current Loop attorney as the "heartbreak kid" by losing the primary by a mere 60,000 votes. Starks is hopeful it will not happen again.

Starks explained the key to a successful bid for Burris is getting the African Americans in Cook County to actually get to the polls. "It's one thing to say you support a candidate and don't vote," said Starks. He also noted that there will be a massive voter registration as well as education drive.

"Burris will get 85 percent of the Black vote, but he needs money," he continued. In the last election, Burris ran no television ads, but Starks said that is a lesson well learned. "If you have no television ads, people don't think you are running."

Taking a lesson from the late Mayor Harold Washington's 1978 unsuccessful bid for City Hall's fifth floor, Starks, as well as Roeser, Barnett and Simpson, agree money wins elections.

Starks reminded that Wood hardly flinched when asked about name and how that might be a factor in garnering campaign donations. According to Starks, Wood replied, "No one will out spend me." Starks flatly contends that the lieutenant governor "is rich."

But is that enough? "It helps," said Starks, and she can easily take a page out of former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun's notebook. Roeser doesn't see the Wood campaign as viable, but Starks is adamant that Wood's best quality is that she hasn't offended anyone.

"She hasn't offended African-Americans pro-lifers, Hispanics because of that, she could upset Ryan," Starks continued.

Wood could surprise many that have underestimated her.

Although she is the second highest ranking elected official in the state, she has little name recognition. But if you are "hooked on phonics" or not, Wood is easy to pronounce with little difficulty.

**DICK SIMPSON**

As the nation still evaluates the economic and psychological fallout of the tragedy, politicians agree, elections are not on the minds of Illinoisians today. However, by the March primary voters should be ready.

What will make them ready? Simpson said after the December petition filling deadline is when there will be a clear focus. "World events can often overshadow elections, but the electorate will get back on track," he said.

This is going to be a tough campaign for some of the candidates, said Simpson. He believes Wood will have it more difficult because she doesn't have strong name recognition. But like Starks, Simpson said that each candidate will have to spend upwards of \$7 to \$10 million.

"You may see individual contributions lagging, but those who do business with the state, corporation dollars will still be there," stated Simpson.

But Simpson said that even if Burris has the dollars, he doubts if he could put together a viable campaign at this time. Additionally, said Simpson, Burris has lost the bid two other times and that causes a perception to win problem.

"He (Burris) has to appear to be viable in the polls (see Starks' comments above regarding polling)," continued Starks.

**RICHARD BARNETT**

Barnett is most excited about the

# HOMEBUYERS' CLUB 2001



LIVING MADE EASY

By Latrice Spann

## "I GOT MY KEYS"



I am proud to announce that I closed on my first home September 12, 2001. I cannot fully articulate the feeling I experienced when my attorney looked in my eyes and said "Congratulations!" Here are the "keys to your new home." Some of you accomplished the goal much sooner than I did, and I was very proud because I knew that God delivered the information that you needed to achieve your dreams through WVON's Homebuyers' Club. However, after running into several problems with lenders, developers, attorneys etc., I couldn't find the home for me. After a while, I became a little discouraged because I wanted a home more than anything else in the world. It became a passion that no one understood, including myself. I lived vicariously through those of you that purchased homes through the Homebuyers' Club. I couldn't understand why it was so hard for the Homebuyers' Club coordinator to reach the closing table. Finally, I surrendered to the experience and



adopted the famous cliché, "What's for me is for me" as a way to cope with this. I realized that surrendering to that experience and letting what was meant for me reveal itself, was the best lesson in my life. It taught me two of the most important virtues in humankind: patience and faith. What I learned is that God's expectation for us is far greater than what we want for ourselves. My home is far more beautiful than I ever anticipated, and the best thing about it is that it is mine. Days after the closing, I was in disbelief, I mean, totally shocked by it all. I felt an incredible sense of accomplishment that I achieved what many refer to as the "American Dream." I am now thankful for all of the difficult housing experiences that I encountered along the way because when I walk through my new home, I know for sure it was all worth it. Thanks to my friends at American Family Insurance and the Chicago Department of Housing for all of your support.



# WVON'S PHOTO GALLERY



"The Mad Economist," Dr. Julianne Malveaux (l), cheers it up with "Mo in the Middy's" Monique Caradine, while Melody Hobson (right), president of Ariel Capital Management, explains the stock market at WVON's 8th Annual Financial Seminar, "Making Sense of Your Money."



Live from Country Club Hills....Cliff Kelley (standing) moderates the "Coming to Neighborhood Near You" panel discussion regarding CHA relocation in the South Suburbs. Panelists from l to r: Joe Martin; Country Club Hills Mayor Dwight Welch; Terry Peterson, CEO of the Chicago Housing Authority; housing activist Izora Davis; and Rene Maxwell of the Coalition to Protect Public Housing.



WVON staff and family ham it up at this year's Bud Biliken Day Parade. (pic 4) Deacon Ywain Fields and friends; (pic 5) l to r: Keisha Chavers, Bridget Goins, the children of 'VON, and Vivian Carter; (pic 6) News director and "First Light" host, Sharon McGhee, and Mo roll in the horse-drawn carriage.



The stars came out for the African Festival of the Arts. From l to r: Musician Kahlil El Zabar; Pervis Spann, "The Blues Man," "The Godfather of Soul" James Brown, and Festival creator, Patrick Woodtar address the media.....and the crowd responds at the African Festival of the Arts.





# LETTERS

**Editor's Note:** In this edition of the TOC, we wanted to visit our chat room @ [www.wvon.com](http://www.wvon.com) to see what's on the minds of some of our site's visitors. Welcome to the NetLets:

When (notice I don't say "if") WVON begins to broadcast 24 hours a day, can they also use a stronger signal? The static is very frustrating at times, especially on Sunday nights for Garfield Major.

We also need to encourage more and better paying advertisers for WVON, and support the ones that do advertise.

Peace,  
 Pelzonia

Man (nor woman) lives by bread alone. The WVON guests/topics bring the "Village" issues to the family for full analytical breakdown—from grassroots to corporate. When WVON leaves the air at 1pm, I am void of entertainment until 10pm. Monday has never looked so good. Please, let's all visualize our station opening opportunities for investments from the public. It's our station—we should be able to invest and reap dividends.

Peace and blessings,  
 Shell

I guess the real question is: Can WVON provide stimulating cost-effective profitable programming for 24 hours? Why can't you segment the programming into the vertical markets? This is what WLS and NPR does. (sic) Broadcast subject matter-based programming such as finance, technology and real estate. No hourlong infomercials. Educate me on what I don't know.

Why is Tony Brown and Nate Clay on WLS? Why aren't they on 'VON? Can't his show be syndicated as we used to do Bob Law? How much does it cost to

do a one-hour show? I would be happy to do one on technology and how it affects the community.

Spaceaze

I feel that Mr. Kelley would be more effective if he wouldn't express so much bitterness and hate. I tell you he has such an opportunity to teach people, but I totally have a problem with how he delivers his messages. Another thing, is he just about to break a blood vessel if a person disagrees with him?

AaureliaO

I sometimes find Mr. Kelley to be adamant in his views of Mr. Bush, but I would hardly consider him to be racist any more than the rest of the population. We all tend to have our own bias towards certain groups of people. That's human nature. In Mr. Kelley's observations about our chosen president, his assessment of Mr. Bush's capacity to lead is on the mark. This is an individual who was born of privilege and name. Bush has proven from his own performance that he is reading from a scripted scenario and he has no original thoughts of his own. To simply blindly follow this President because we find ourselves as a country in difficult times is no excuse.

It seems to me that we are being led down the primrose path, and we should be thankful that somebody is asking questions. The only stupid question is the one not asked.

Shigokingo

# LISTENER'S PROFILE



## ALLEAN MORROW-YOUNG

<b>Born:</b>	October 26th in Whitmore, AR
<b>Family Background:</b>	Widowed; 4 adult children; 6 grandchildren
<b>Occupation:</b>	Senior secretary
<b>Political Affiliation:</b>	Independent
<b>Religious Affiliation:</b>	None

As the seasons change, so do we. Change is a constant, as is certain identifiable characteristics of our personalities. For this edition's Listener Profile, kujichagulia (self-determination) is that universal characteristic. Meet **Allean Morrow-Young**.

Traveling from Arkansas to Chicago as a child, **Morrow-Young's** experiences spurred her passion for wanting to see Blacks' role in this society be taken more seriously. "The reason my father left (Arkansas) is because he was tired of working all yearlong, and having the slave master say 'you broke even,'" recalled **Morrow-Young**. Her father, who was a sharecropper, "stole off in the middle of the night (with the entire family) because he couldn't shop for his family or choose the food he wanted to eat because he could only get what they allowed him to have from the general store."

While **Morrow-Young** witnessed this treatment of her family in Arkansas, it was as a student at Farren School, and later Wendell Phillips High School, that her sense of self-determination began to emerge. Academically, her Southern upbringing branded her as "unable to be educated" and "only to be taught how to sew and to take care babies because that would be all that she would ever be." Her name was purposely mispronounced as "Eileen" because that was how the administration wanted her name to be, and the principal even wrote that name on her diploma. But, when she arrived at Phillips, all that changed. Resistance set in, and she began writing and pronouncing her name as "Allean."

**Morrow-Young's** mother was her role model. And as a devoted mother and grandmother, she considered herself overly protective of her children. "I wish I had distress to maybe accept public aid and stay home, but I worked part-time to finance their education because of the things I experienced. My children only attended public school one, no more, than two years." She went on to share that she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, not only out of obligation but because they enjoy spending time with her.

Some may ask, "What's in a name?" A name identifies and determines the worth of self. Ask **Kujichagulia Allean Morrow-Young**.

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*The Talk of Chicago!*





## TIDBITS

In this edition's Tidbits, holiday wishes to the WVON family and friends. Here we go:



Congratulations to our CEO, **Pervis Spann** (holding award), and our general manager and president, **Melody Spann-Cooper**, as they received the **Living Legend/Passing the Torch** award from **Henry English** (l), executive director of the **Black United Fund of Illinois (BUFI)** and **Prof. Robert Starks**, BUFI chair. The award honors the "pioneers and living legends who have invested time, effort and energy in a vision that they wished to see passed on to another generation." The torch continues to burn, **Latrice**.

Kudos, Part II: **Melody** received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the **National Council of Negro Women**. Pretty soon, the trophy case at WVON will become a trophy showroom. You go girl!!!

Kudos, Part III: The "Morning Miracle" crew, **Cliff Kelley** and his producer, **Keisha**, were given the **March of Dimes' Achievement in Radio (AIR)** award for the "Best Morning Show on News, Talk, Personality, and Sports Station." A little F.Y.I.: Your station also received this award in 1999 for **Best Midday Show (Mo Caradine)** and for **Best Public Affairs or Feature (Sharon McGhee)**. There's nothing like a little gloating.

Coming to a billboard and rolling on a bus near you—our new ad campaign. It's short and simple, yet poignant and controversial. Keep your heads up!! Holla, when you see them.

Love's in the air—Brotherly Love, that is. Our own **Deacon Ywain Fields** and his brother, **Minister Cy Fields**, pastor of **Landmark Missionary Baptist Church**, have jumped the broom since the last edition of the **TOC**. **Francine**, **Ywain's** mate, and **Yolanda**, **Cy's** mate have truly been blessed!!

**Dan Johnson** has joined the staff of 'VON as general sales manager. Welcome, **Dan**.



**Phi Beta Sigma** frat brothers, **Brother P** (l) and **Chauncey Colquitt** (r), are all smiles with **Mo** at the first "Blue Tuesdays," an after-work soiree hosted by the **Sigmas**. Join **Mo** and the brothers of **Phi Beta Sigma** every 2nd Tuesday of the month for an evening of networking and relaxation at E2, 23rd and Michigan.

Speaking of **Mo**, if you don't know, her email has changed to: **mo1450@24hre.com**. **24hre.com** is an African-American-owned and operated Internet access provider. So, for all of you who say that there still exist a digital divide, fill it in with **24hre.com**.

Next stop, CUBA. Morning miracle, **Cliff Kelley**, will be waking up the island when he travels with **Africa Travel Advisors to Cuba** in **April, 2002**. Stay tuned to **AM1450** for all the details.

'Til next year. *Merry Christmas*, peaceful *Kwanzaa* and a happy and prosperous *New Year!*!!



## IN THE BOOKSTORE

The following books have been reviewed and are recommended for your reading enjoyment:

- 1 **Harlem Ain't Nothin' But a Third World Country**  
*Mamadou Chinyelu*
- 2 **I Ain't Scared of You: Bernie Mac on How Life Is**  
*Bernie Mac with Darrell Dawsey*
- 3 **Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur**  
*Michael Eric Dyson*
- 4 **Honky**  
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Burris campaign contending the delayed announcement will not hinder the Burris campaign. He was reportedly building a campaign war chest. But what might work to his advantage is the fact Burris is guaranteed to take the Black vote. "He can take a page out of the Carol Moseley-Braun book on how to win an election," said Barnett. "Let the White electorate split their vote," he continued.

"He is the best, and by far, the most qualified," exclaimed Barnett, "and nothing makes me happier than being able to support a qualified Black candidate."

Barnett further explained the Burris' chances are far greater than his opponents because downstaters aren't really in tune with elected officials from Cook County.

In conclusion, most agree that with so many recently announced

layoffs, the voters have a stake in the upcoming election. Many of those interviewed for this analysis say the Jim Ryan is not guaranteed that Governor's seat, if Illinois voters take an interest in the primary and general elections.

Questions that have to be asked rely on the future of Illinois and if the leadership is up to the task and challenges Americans are inevitably going to have to face.

Good luck to the candidates!



Morning host, **Cliff Kelley** and news director and host of "First Light," **Sharon McGhee**, share smiles with businessman, **Spencer Leak, Sr.** at the "Living Legend/Passing the Torch" awards ceremony.

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component to stabilizing our community's economy."

With 16 years in investment management and customer service, King has been instrumental in building financial security for investors—young and old. He has led seminars for the American Association of Individual Investors, Coalition of Black Investors (COBI), Illinois Independent Finance Association, and **Money** magazine. Additionally, he has presented workshops to elementary school students at the Johnnie Colemon Academy

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